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The Treasury programme for March is announced. A million of bonds are to be bought on the 14th, and another million on the 28th. No gold is to be sold, on account of other uses for which the coin is required.

Lo, the poor Indian! for the railroad landgrabbers are after him. Under a pretext of furnishing each aboriginal male adult with a homestead of 160 acres, several corporations are seeking to dissolve the Indian title to all the good lands in the Indian Territory, and divide the good lands among themselves, leaving the red men only barren acres. This seems to be a kind of "old sledge" in which Lo doesn't count for much and the knave makes all the game.

Something important, if true, concerning Governor Palmer and the Presidency, can be found in our Springfield despatch. It is stated that the Governor has received overtures from the Liberal Republicans looking toward his nomination for President, but that he thrusts the bauble aside. The reason assigned for this by the Springfield *Journal* is that Governor's loyalty for Grant. More specifically, perhaps, his admiration for that statesman's nice notions about State rights, and civil against military authority.

Senator Sherman is quoted as saying that the Chicago Relief bill is tolerably certain to pass the Senate as reported. Senators Chandler, Carpenter, Ferry, and Scott having expressed a desire to do bullet justice to the best of their ability, in behalf of special interests, whenever the bill comes up, it really seems remarkable that Senator Wright, who now has charge of it, should wish any longer for Senator Howe to get himself in training to operate on the same side. Howe and Providence permitting, we may hope for an 8 on to-day.

Dan. Voorhees, the old war-horse of the Hoosier Democracy, declines to run for Governor of Indiana—an office for which he has been prominently mentioned. This act seems to be confirmatory, so far as it goes, of our Indianapolis correspondent's statement of the new programme of Hendricks and other Democratic leaders, which is to run Hendricks for Governor (his chances for Presidential honors being nil), and then for Senator, in the event of choosing a Democratic Legislature. Voorhees, meantime, must be content with the nomination for Congressman-at-Large.

The California Assembly has voted $5,000 to the Sheriff who enforced the collection of a discriminating tax upon Chinese miners, in violation of the Civil Rights law and positive orders from a United States Court. As the officer very clearly exceeded his duty in thus coming into conflict with known and adjudicated laws of the United States, the act of the Assembly can only be construed as an expression of a continued hostility and inhumanity toward Chinese laborers in California. John finds the golden strand, like Jordan, a hard road to travel.

The great National Labor party will have to get out a revised edition of its platform, if it expects to keep up with the Internationals of New York in their progressive notions. The latter organization is to have a grand mass meeting on the 7th instant, to demand of the United States Government to employ, or at least, to place upon the pay-rolls, all the unemployed. This is what Tammany has been doing up to a recent date, the duty required of the Government proteges being to vote and fight for the "straight" ticket; and it is, doubtless, on account of the failure of Tammany, owing to circumstances beyond its control, to "come down" with the monthly stipend, that this raid upon the General Government is to be made.

England is now waiting anxiously for Secretary Fish's response to Earl Granville's note on the Alabama difficulties; and, while she is waiting, the journals are discussing the consequences of a failure to get the question, at issue, before the Arbitrators—that is, a renunciation of the treaty by England. The *Observer* opines that, in such an event, the Americans would take no immediate notice of the collapse of the treaty, but go on with their fishing in Canadian waters, on the basis hitherto claimed by the United States. It is further of the opinion that this course would not be opposed from the other side; the theory being, we suppose, that England, claiming that the coast fisheries belong exclusively to her own people, and at the same time admitting (though her late "case" does not) that she is really in debt to us on account of privateers, is willing to offset one against the other in a lump, at least until further notice.

We must give the Committee on Elections in the National House of Representatives credit for reforming a crying evil—an evil, moreover, which we have had occasion to deplore within a year past, viz.: the improper allowance of *per diem* and expenses to unsuccessful contestants of seats. It mattered not how flimsy a man's cause proved to be, they allowed him all the pay and perquisites, mileage and expenses which could possibly be wormed into the bill, just as if he had been the rightful contestant; even adding a thousand or two, on some occasions, apparently as a salve to the feelings of the defeated applicant. Of course, this kind of practice had the effect to greatly increase the number of frivolous and groundless contests, so that the draft upon the House contingent fund for the single item of expenses of contested elections amounted to considerably over $100,000 during a single session of the last Congress. Fortunately for the Treasury, and for the dignity of the House, the present Committee on Elections, under Mr. McCrary, of Iowa, took its budget of contested cases in hand with the understanding that no bill for expenses or other claim should be allowed to an unsuccessful candidate unless it was shown that he had reasonable grounds to believe his case sound; and the result of this wholesome rule has been that no such bills have been allowed thus far. Contestants have gone home as poor as they came, and, as a consequence, others, seeing the unfruitfulness of such ventures, will not be likely to make them when another Congress has to be installed.

Thiers is getting a pretty respectable crisis on his hands. First, there is a difference between the Executive and the Assembly, growing out of the Catholic petitions; then there is another cause of disagreement in the treatment of newspapers, which Thiers desires to curb a good deal, while the Assembly would prefer to allow them to discuss questions of politics with freedom. Added to these causes of difficulty, the Cabinet is likely to split up, it is said, over a recent act of Rouyer Quertier, in testifying favorably for the ex-Prefect of the Eure, a Bonapartist. This charge against the ex-Prefect is embezzlement of relief funds, and M. Pe. Q., in his capacity of Finance Minister, was constrained to say the man's accounts were all right. This was flat disloyalty to the Republic,—hence the impending rupture, the other Ministers threatening to resign, from which would appear that the members of M. Thiers' Administration were mostly as fussy as himself. If so, they are a hard lot to handle, and the Executive must realize rightly how uneasy lie some heads that don't wear crowns.

Chambord's, for instance, which is itching worse and worse for the bauble of his ancestors. The Count has now given out, through his private secretary and newspaper correspondent, that he, Chambord, stands ready to risk his life to save France; the phrase, "saving France," being with the Princes synonymous with getting themselves on the throne of France. This is not a very startling announcement, since it ought to be understood by this time that the Count was ever King, or tried to be, except at a very imminent risk of his life. The King business in France is an occupation which would surely be rated by the underwriters as "extra hazardous."

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WASHINGTON.

A Bit of History Connected with the North Carolina Senatorial Squabble.

Designs of Various Railroads on Lands of the Indian Territory.

A Strong Petition from Woollen Manufacturers for the Abolition of the Wool Duty.

National Board of Trade Delegation Before the House Commerce Committee.

Treasury Programme for the Current Month.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATORSHIP.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—General Logan against Abbott, of North Carolina, and Senator Carpenter in his favor, are both ready to go on with their arguments to-morrow, if opportunity occurs. In the printed report there is one curious bit of history, which excites considerable amusement at the expense of Senator Pool. It seems that, about the time for Vance to take his seat, and before the Legislature adjourned, the impression became so strong that Vance would not have his disabilities removed, so as to enable him to enter the Senate, that a proposition was introduced looking to his resignation and a new election. At this juncture a letter was addressed to Senator Pool, and an answer to it read in the Legislature. It had the effect to prevent further action in regard to a new election. The letter is as follows:

SENATE CHAMBER,
WASHINGTON CITY, March 17, 1871.

MY DEAR SIR: You ask me, as an old friend, to tell you candidly if Governor Vance is likely to be relieved. The Senate Committee has just reported a bill for his relief, and it will pass next Tuesday, if not before. In the present state of things here it may not be acted upon this session, as Congress refuses to take up any business, except some few special matters, but even at this disadvantage Vance stands a good chance of being relieved before we adjourn. Many Senators heretofore opposed will vote for him now. If Congress remained in session two weeks he will be relieved this session. The House would pass the bill by an immense majority. I hardly have a doubt as to his final relief early in the next session. I have not time to write more fully. Very truly, &c.

(Signed) JOHN POOL.

As Pool has constantly supported the proposition to admit Abbott, and as he voted for Morton's amendment to the Amnesty bill designed to exclude Vance, he is charged with bad faith, and an attempt to prevent the North Carolina Legislature from electing any man Vance's place who would have been admitted.

KANSAS BRIBERY REPORT.

A certified copy of the Pomeroy-Caldwell bribery report is expected at the Senate to-morrow. The understanding is that the Speaker of the Lower House of the Kansas Legislature mailed a copy on Thursday or Friday last, and it is due here to-morrow. Pomeroy wrote to the chairman of the Committee protesting against the kind of investigation going on, but announced his purpose to notice it if any report was made. Several Republican Senators say they do not see how the Senate can help noticing the matter, and it is making a great deal of talk. The general verdict seems to be that Pomeroy is fairly cornered at last, and that his cannot escape investigation. At the same time the Senate has now under consideration in executive session evidence relating to Legate's alleged forgery of letters from Pomeroy relating to the impeachment.

BARREN HOMESTEAD LANDS FOR INDIANS.

The House Indian Committee has ascertained that, in case certain bills now pending to open the Indian Territory and give each adult Indian 160 acres of land for homestead, part that the railroad companies now having right of way and grants which will be effective as soon as the Indian titles are extinguished will secure nearly all the good land. It seems these railroad laws were so worded that where different routes cross each other, or where grants lap, one road receives alternate odd sections. The Indians are thrown entirely outside the bills of railroad lands, and calculations made for the Committee show that when the railroad lands and barren tracks are taken into account there will not be enough land within the tract affected by the law to give the Indians 160 acres as proposed, by fully 5,000,000 acres.

THE WOOLLEN INTEREST.

The Ways and Means Committee give a hearing to-morrow to representatives of wool and woollens. One delegation, representing 200 sets of cards, and an annual production of over thirteen million of dollars will ask for the abolition of the duty on wool and a reduction of the duty on woollens to a uniform rate of 30 per *cent ad valorem*. The Secretary of the Woollen Manufacturing Association will appear on the other side, and urge the retention of the present duties.

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Providing Senator Howe is present, Mr. Wright will call up the Chicago Relief bill in the morning, and the indications to-night are that it will lead to further debate, Chandler, Ferry, Carpenter, and Scott desiring to have something further to say in this connection. Senator Sherman gives it as his opinion that the bill will pass as reported

THE SHIPPING INTEREST.

The Executive Council of the National Board of Trade, consisting of fourteen Vice Presidents of that association, elected from various sections of the country, and representing over forty different local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, and having a constituency of upward of fifteen thousand merchants, had an interesting hearing, yesterday, before the House Committee on Commerce. The Executive Council have come here for the purpose of urging upon the Committee to recommend some kind legislation which will allow Americans to buy ships where they can be bought the cheapest, and, where they are purchased of foreign builders, to admit them to American registry. The request in this direction is limited entirely to vessels engaging in foreign trade, and has not reference to coasting or internal traffic. During the hearing, the whole subject of tariff was gone over, and the Committee was particularly interested to inquire if the granting of this privilege would not interfere with certain branches of American industry. On this point Edward Atkinson and General Negley had an animated dispute. There was a general review of Secretary Boutwell's proposed subsidising of American lines of steamships to revive our commerce, and it seemed to be palpable that the Committee were not in favor of this scheme. Among other things, the Council recommended the establishing of a Department of Commerce, having a Cabinet officer at its head. The Council made the point that the capital employed in the commerce of the country was greater than that of agriculture, manufactures, and mining combined, and certainly deserved this recognition at the hands of the Government. The Committee gave no indications as to whether it would report a bill as desired, but it seems to be the impression of members of the Council that the favorable legislation of this character will be recommended before the adjournment of Congress.

THE ARMS INVESTIGATION.

The expectation is that the Committee on the French arms investigation will be selected to-morrow. Three Administration Senators express the opinion to-night that the resolution to add Schurz to the Committee, in place of Sumner, defeated, will pass. Others, however, are opposing it strenuously.

BEAVER LAKE LANDS.

The following is the letter and the bill passed in the Senate yesterday, in regard to Beaver Lake Lands

DENATURALIZATION OF A CITIZEN.

Naturalization a Judicial Judgment Not to be Set Aside on Any Grounds, Upon Mere Motion.

An Important Decision of Judge Jameson of the Superior Court.

The United States v. David Muir; in chancery. Rule to show cause why the judgment of naturalization of David Muir, entered Jan. 21, 1868, should not be set aside.

Opinion by Jameson, J. Jan. 27, 1868, David Muir, a Scotchman by birth, and a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, applied to this Court for naturalization, under the laws of Congress for that purpose. He filed his sworn petition in the form usual in the case of aliens coming to the United States. To this was appended affidavits of Charles Old and James Cox, witnesses, and also the usual certificate of the Clerk of the Court. Upon such petition and proofs, and the oath of the petitioner, a certified copy of these papers has been filed, the originals having been destroyed, with all the records in the case. Upon this petition such proceedings were had that a judgment of naturalization was entered, and the oath renouncing his former allegiance and to support the Constitution of the United States was administered to said Muir, a certified copy of which also is before me.

Some time in the fall of 1871, before the late fire by which the files and records of the Court were destroyed, a verbal motion was made by the District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, in behalf of the United States for a rule upon said Muir to show cause why the judgment should not be set aside and vacated. The rule was entered and a day fixed for the hearing, but on account of the loss of the files which in the meantime had occurred, the rule was not argued at the time named. It was renewed on the 1st of January last, and upon special appearance and objection to the jurisdiction of the Court, as appears by the record, a writ of error served out to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Court in this case, holding that after the term expired, a Court has not discretion or authority to set aside a judgment rendered thereat, but which is made in the manner of forms prescribed upon motion to the other party that after the lapse of the term application to change the judgment is made a Court of Error, and that the resort be had to a writ of error.

The Court remark upon the fact that in this case, the defendant did not appear at the next term succeeding that at which the default was taken, and the judgment entered up.

In this case, the Court is not better than in Garner v. Cranshaw, when a full term had intervened.

On the other hand, the Court voted that in Garner vs. Cranshaw, no judgment was spoken of, and the Court thought it had the right to presume there was a default only, which is interlocutory, and that no final judgment had been entered upon it. The precise question presented, therefore, in Cook v. Wood, did not arise in that case, and the conclusion reached which I have mentioned.

In State Savings Institution v. Nilson, 49 Ill., 171, where the Court below had, on motion, set aside a judgment by the Sheriff of this county, the same question was applied to the power to vacate which the Court was gone after the lapse of the term, except to amend in matters of form or to correct clerical errors.

In the opinion of the Court, in Cook v. Wood, an intimation was thrown out that "judgment taken up by default may, perhaps, be set aside," to use the words of the Court, "on due notice by *fieri facias*, or otherwise, be vacated, at a subsequent term, as a matter of right, doubtless, by its attorney, to appear and contest the petition, the United States would be so far bound by the judgment from the time it was entered against it that it could, and must attack it if at all, in the mode proper for one who is substantially a party to a judgment, and not by motion. In this case I think there would be peculiar hardship in going into an inquiry involving consequences so vital to the respondent in the manner proposed.

The United States have filed no petition, no affidavit, not even a written motion upon a verified application this rule was entered, and there have been placed on file copies of the depositions of witnesses used in the libel suit at Detroit, which was dismissed, and which I presume the respondent at and before the time of the judgment. Citizenship must be a slight boon if it can be divested at the pleasure of an applicant made upon the lapse of so many years.

A man's good name must be a thing of trivial moment in the eyes of a Court when upon motion it is to be aspersed—nay, judicially blasted, by a decision so serious to him in such a proceeding.

A motion, such as this was, to set aside the finding of the Court and the certified copy of the petition, affidavits on final oath of the respondent—all these to be present in the record, and this record, enough appears to show that it is void, in that it was rendered upon affidavits of the respondent himself, and of his own witnesses, whereas it has been judicially determined that it ought to be based upon the sworn testimony of witnesses in open Court, or, as an alien, I think, 1 Gilp., 127. Were it proper to go into that question at all, it could be easily shown that the suggestion is unfounded.

The fact is, as one may see, that the judgment was rendered by myself, but it is within my positive recollection, and I think the proof could be easily found, that no judgment of naturalization has ever been entered by me upon affidavits, but only upon the sworn statements

NEW YORK.

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THE STOKES JURY.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The efforts of Graham and McKeon to demolish the Grand Jury which found the indictment against Stokes have not been rewarded with success. Judge Cardozo today charged the jury that, though some irregularities had been proved by prisoner's counsel, yet they have not occasioned defendant any practical injury. The Judge said, to accept the advice or injury. The Judge said, to accept Graham's argument would invalidate every indictment yet untried found since September, 1870, which would be appalling. Stokes' counsel presented elaborately-framed exceptions, which had been prepared before the jury left the jury-room. Graham said he would not allow it, remarking that the verdict was the action of the Court, and it alone was responsible. Graham asked for 20 day's stay to prepare an error book, which was granted.

When the Court opened this morning McKeon alluded to the jeering occurring among spectators yesterday, and said he believed the room was packed with Stokes' enemies. Graham said he would call for the polling of the jury; but the Judge

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THE BURNT-RECORDS BILL.

The bill prepared by the Committee on Burnt Records has been amended in the House of Representatives in such manner as to remove all valid objections against it. The provisions regarding notice of chancery proceedings to parties in possession, and to all persons interested who are residents of the State, are satisfactory—personal notice being required in every such instance. The rights of minors, married women, and lunatics are secured by a clause giving them two years after the removal of disability within which they may move to set aside any decree made in contravention of their rights. Suitable provision is made, also, for the reopening of any decree obtained by fraud or perjury. All objections of this class have been removed, and the opposition to the bill seems to have settled down upon this point, viz.: that chancery proceedings are expensive, and that although nobody need resort to chancery who does not choose to, still, if a portion of the community do go into chancery, all the rest will be virtually compelled to,—else buyers and lenders on mortgage will indeed only with those who can show a decree in chancery backing up their titles. Let us see how much force this objection is entitled to:

A B wants a decree in chancery,—that is, a certificate from a court of record, to take the place of the evidence of his title, which has been burnt. He is willing to pay what it costs, because he can see a profit or advantage to himself in having it. Why should he not be allowed to detain it, supposing that he is infringes no other man's rights in getting it? Because, says the objector in this C D is not willing to want any better evidence of *his* title than he has now, and if A B is allowed to better his title, C D's will suffer by comparison. It is scarcely possible to dignify this objection by calling it an argument. It is simply the snarl of the dog in the manger, who would neither eat the hay himself nor let the horse eat it. How does C D know that he or his heirs will never want any better evidence of title than he now possesses. The probability is, that his property would be worth 10 per cent more in the market if there were some speedy and convenient mode of reinstating the record evidence of his title, even though he might never avail himself of it. The purchaser would know that the chancery process was open to himself, and that he would restore the lost muniments of title at will, and he would take that fact into consideration in making his purchase.

As regards lenders on mortgage, we venture to say that *all* borrowers are anxious to have this or some other bill passed which will be accepted by capitalists as a substitute for the burnt records. At present, money is loaned only to those who are supposed to be responsible, apart from the property mortgaged. In many cases, it is true, money is advanced a second time by parties already holding mortgage on the land proposed to be built upon, without much regard to the solvency of the borrowers. But these are cases where a second loan is necessary to save the first. As a rule, loans on mortgage are made only to those who are known to be "good," irrespective of the land offered as security, and to these only at a rate of interest 1 or 2 per cent higher than would be charged if a *record title* could be obtained. The mortgage market is literally closed to the small borrowers,—to all that class who have little or nothing beside the land which they offer as security. Of all members of the community, those are most interested in the passage of this bill,—a bill which they need never avail themselves of, unless, upon a full view of their own situation and circumstances, they deem it to *their advantage* to do so.

It is supposed by some unreflecting persons that, if this bill is passed, all the rich men will forthwith resort to chancery to have their titles improved, and that thus the poorer people will be driven by force of example to do the same. In our judgment, the large property-holders, who are residents of the State, will be the last to avail themselves of the chancery process. They are generally men who know beforehand that their titles are good. They know also that possession and payment of taxes will of themselves restore the record evidence in time. They know, likewise, that no adverse claim can be set up without personal notice to themselves, which will be ample time for them to go into Court. They will be the last as a class to dabble with chancery, unless they want to sell and the buyer demands the decree, in which case, if both parties are agreed, it is right and proper that the means should exist for obtaining such decree.

SENATOR TRUMBULL'S SPEECH.

We invite attention to the speech of Senator Trumbull, delivered in the United States Senate, upon questions which, at this time, are of deep concern to the whole country, and of especial importance to the Republican party. Mr. Trumbull points to the fact that every effort to reform and expose abuses is met by personal assaults upon those who make the effort, and the objection to a reform of abuses is placed upon the ground that it would injure the Republican party; and, consequently, it is held, by those claiming to control the party, that all who interpose to arrest frauds, expose abuses, and institute reform, are enemies of the Republican party. This is nothing but the subordination of the public interests to the assumed welfare and success of the party, as if the Republican party could hope to retain public confidence by sacrificing public interests. In the case of the removal of Senator Sumner, it was distinctly avowed by Senator Morton, speaking for himself and his associates, that that act was demanded by the exigencies of party, and that whatever the party demanded should be carried out even at all hazards. When at the present session it was proposed to investigate abuses of the Government at New York, the proposition was met with the same bitter hostility on the ground that it was a reflection upon the Republican party, as if dishonesty in office was a principle of the party to be defended and protected at all risks. When the investigation was ordered, only one of the seven persons appointed to investigate, and he a Democrat, was selected from those who had favored the inquiry. It was boldly declared by Mr. Morton that the majority would not appoint a Committee who would investigate the President, as if the President, in his official conduct, could not afford to have a Committee of Investigation. That Committee, when appointed, labored as if its duty was to investigate the character and conduct of the merchants and not of the officials, and orders have since been issued to prosecute all those who had testified that, under extortion, they had paid bribes to dishonest persons still in office. The investigation into the sale of arms has been met in the same spirit,—that to go on with it is to impeach the Republican party, and Senators who support the investigation are threatened with fine and imprisonment. Mr. Trumbull declared, and every Republican in the land will sustain the declaration, "that the Republican party can only maintain its ascendancy, and ought only to maintain its ascendancy, by being a party of purity, of honesty, of fidelity to the Constitution; and when it becomes a mere spoils party, and is used to cover up frauds and dishonesty, it will soon receive the condemnation of an indignant people."

The demoralization of officials in every part of the country, in public as well as private corporations, extending even to private life, seemed to have culminated in New York under the local Government of that city. The frauds of Tammany were committed under the protection of party, and, when investigation was proposed, Tammany invoked the cry of "Party" to prevent it; that is the universal cry raised by dishonest officials whose acts are about to be investigated. The popular demand for investigation was not defeated; it has been presented in all parts of the country; before it officials of every grade in State and Municipal Governments have been impeached. When such things exist, the people demand a remedy. Investigation must precede the remedy, and yet it is claimed that to investigate is "to throw mud upon the Republican party." When the country is reeking with corruption and an investigation is proposed to ascertain whether it exists among Government officials, it is met with the cry of "party," "party," "party."

Mr. Trumbull disclaimed any knowledge of any party of "Liberal Republicans" as an organization distinct from the Republican party. Mr. Morton having styled the resolutions adopted by the Liberal Republicans of Missouri as an "essentially Democratic" and "anti-Republican" platform, Mr. Trumbull examined and commented upon these resolutions. He claimed that they contain the very principles on which the Republican party was founded, and on which it has won all its triumphs. If the Democracy of Connecticut has adopted the same declaration of principles, it ought to be a matter of congratulation. These resolutions declare that they will, "by no act or word, endanger the rightful sovereignty of the Union;" that they will sustain "emancipation;" they favor "equality of civil rights;" they advocate "enfranchisement" and "complete amnesty for all;" these have been all fundamental principles of the Republican party. The last National Republican Convention favored amnesty in its resolutions, and the President, in a special message, has urged it upon Congress. Three times has the House of Representatives passed a bill granting it.

Another of these resolutions reads "that no form of taxation is just or wise which puts needless burdens upon the people." If that be "anti-Republican and essentially Democratic," will it be claimed that the reverse of it is the doctrine of the Republican party? The same resolutions declare that the "shameless abuse of the Government patronage for the control of conventions and elections demands the thorough and genuine reform of the public service." The fact of the demoralization of the Civil Service was notorious. That it was used to control conventions and elections had been attested too overwhelmingly to admit of denial. A reform of that Civil Service was no new thing with Mr. Trumbull. He had introduced the bill which had passed Congress under which the Civil Service Commission was organized. He had, during several years past, introduced other bills looking to reforms in the mode of appointments.

The same series of resolutions declared that "local self-governments, with impartial suffrage, will guard the rights of all citizens more securely than any centralized authority," and that "unconstitutional laws" ought not to be resorted to. In these declarations Mr. Trumbull gave his hearty approval, claiming that they were endorsed by the people of all parties. While in favor of any and every measure, no matter how vigorous, necessary to suppress Ku-Klux and other outrages, he claimed that there was ample means and authority for so doing, without going beyond the Constitution.

The last resolution, which was denounced as "essentially Democratic and anti-Republican," was as follows:

That true Republicanism makes it not the less our duty to expose corruption, denounce usurpation of power, and work for reforms necessary for the public welfare, by the fact that the uprising of honest citizens to sweep from power the men who prostitute the name of any honest party for their infamy.

There could be no successful denial of the soundness of this declaration. But it was complained that three men had called a Convention to meet in Cincinnati, and it was said they were to meet to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency. What was the authority for this assumption? The right of Republicans to meet and advocate political reforms could not be denied. Can they not so meet without being stigmatized as unfaithful to the party? The men who meet at Cincinnati may be able to present their views in such a form as shall lead to their adoption by the whole Republican party, and if so, what becomes of the denunciation heaped upon them in advance? In conclusion, Mr. Trumbull declared that he recognized no such party allegiance as prohibits the independent thinkers of the party from consulting together for the promotion of what they believe to be the best interests of the nation; and that the principles enunciated in the Missouri resolutions are those which will go down to posterity as constituting the proudest record of the Republican party. For these he had always contended, and would contend to the end.

THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

The present position of the Common Council on the question of vacating Quincy street renders it imperatively necessary that the Legislature should pass the bill giving the United States Government the power to condemn streets and alleys in cities for the erection of public buildings, in the operation of which the vacation of Quincy street is included. The Legislature has delayed consideration of the bill, under the impression that the City Council would remove the obstacles in the way of the improvement of the block. The bill has passed the Senate, and we trust the House will not waste any time in enacting it. There is little or no hope that the ordinance pending in the Council will pass. The city charter requires a three-fourths vote of all the Aldermen elected to secure its passage. Some of the Aldermen are in jail, some under indictment, some are absent, and there are others so narrow-minded in their sectionalism that they will never vote for any improvement which does not tend to enhance the value of their own property, or to minister to the convenience of their special neighborhoods. The patience of the Government will be exhausted long before the thirty votes necessary to the passage of the ordinance can be obtained. Another quibble over which the Council is puttering relates to the application of the supposed indemnity for the surrender of the street,—whether it shall go to the city or to the owners of the block. The passage of the bill in the Legislature will effectually settle this question by leaving its application to the Court which fixes the value of the street and cross-alley to be vacated. In comparison with the value of the block, and especially with the general value and benefit of the improvement to the whole city, the supposed indemnity is a paltry consideration, which should not be allowed to prejudice the purchase of the square by the Government. The Legislature has it in its power to remove the numerous obstacles which selfishness and private greed have constantly thrown in the way of this public improvement, and we trust that it will exercise that power promptly. Let the United States Government be placed in possession of its property at once, and let the paltry disputes between Aldermen, in and out of jail, be an after-consideration, to be settled in the Courts, where they belong. We feel confident that the General Assembly will look upon this subject in a liberal and comprehensive manner, and will pass the bill promptly upon a fair view of this dead-lock in the Council, indirectly produced by the charter, but directly produced by men whose ideas of public spirit and general benefit never exceed their own ward limits. The Government has already been hindered and well-nigh baffled at every attempt it has made to restore its buildings here; and now, when it was on the eve of concluding its negotiations and commencing work on one of the finest improvements in the country, its operations are clogged by a dispute concerning a narrow, crooked fraction of a street, which never was of any value to the city, and ought to have been closed up long ago. The result of all these provocations, if they are persisted in, will be that the Government will revoke its appropriation of four millions, go back to the old site, and patch up the old Post Office building. As there seems to be no hope that the Common Council will or can, under our iron-clad charter, allow the Government to come into possession of its own, we again appeal to the Legislature to pass the bill, and allow the Government to carry out its designs. Those who wish to fight over unimportant quibbles can then take them into the Courts and fight over them till doomsday, if they are so inclined.

A WORD TO A MALIGNANT.

The New York *Times* has a correspondent in Chicago whose sole aim seems to be to place the city in a false light before the public. Scarcely a letter has been forwarded by this man which has not been marked, either by false statements or by still more damaging innuendoes, which are calculated to impress Eastern people with the conviction that Chicago is a hot-bed of vice, that she is misapplying the relief funds which have been sent here, and that her energies and resources are mainly expended in ministering to the tastes of the lowest elements of society. We have before alluded to the mischievous character of these letters, and again call attention to them, that our friends at the East may not be misled by them. In his last letter, printed in the New York *Times* of March 1, he writes:

We are showing our gratitude to a liberal world by supporting 2,000 saloons,—the police report 1,987,—five theatres, and still further to exhibit our poverty and need of assistance from abroad, we are told that plans are being drawn for a four hundred thousand-dollar opera-house. So you see we intend to keep up with the "civilization of the age," notwithstanding the great destruction which came upon us last October.

As Chicago has not the benefit of a prohibitory liquor law, we do not see how the existence of saloons is to be avoided; but would it not have been in better taste for this correspondent to have shown the instrumentality which Chicago had in the passage of the new Temperance law, which will tend to close up the worst of these saloons, and to diminish the support of the rest in an indirect manner, and to have stated that the entire American press of the city advocated its passage, and still advocates its thorough execution? Every city, town, and village in the land have their saloons,—Chicago, even with her large foreign-born population, having no more in proportion than other places, and not likely to have so many after the Temperance law goes into effect. The five theatres, which this correspondent complains of, dwindle down to two small theatres, one of which is nothing but a wooden shanty, and one or two small negro-minstrel halls, all of which derive their main support from the working classes, who just now have remunerative wages, and consequently more money to spend, and naturally enough, after their day's work, want recreation. As to the alarming possibility that Chicago may have an opera-house at some distant day, we have little to say, and only plead guilty to the hope that there is good taste enough in the city to have one; but as the plans have not even yet been made, nor any steps taken looking that way, we are unable to say whether it will cost four hundred thousand or four hundred dollars. Our prejudices are in favor of the former sum.

There are many points about Chicago, such as the energy and enterprise with which she is trying to make good her losses, the great public works which she is contemplating, the thorough manner in which she is punishing official dishonesty, the development of her trade and industries, the rehabilitation of her charitable and religious establishments, and the faith, hope, and courage of her people under unusually depressing circumstances, as well as their determination to show the world that its liberality has not been squandered,—which are worthy of the attention of this correspondent. Every city has its dark side; but we trust that ours is no darker than that of other cities, but that man is very short-sighted who cannot now and then see the bright side as well. We have only to remind the New York *Times* that it is very cowardly to allow its correspondent to use his anonymous concealment for the purpose of injuring the credit of a city already struggling with an unexampled misfortune, and that by so doing it will not make friends either in Chicago or the West.

PERSONAL.

Neal Dow is writing letters to the London *Times*, urging the extension of the Maine Liquor law over Great Britain.

—An invoice of fifty factory girls, imported from Scotland, arrived at Norwich, Conn., on Feb. 27.

—Katie Davis, a bright Stockton, (Cal.) girl, has been appointed clerk in the office of the Federal Revenue Assessor in that city.

—Isaacs, the hangman of New York City, charges $20 each for every noose he furnishes for first-class executions.

—M. de Villemessant, who is giving his recollections of Paris journalism, says that Alexander Dumas, who gained millions of francs by his pen, died poor.

—The last act of M. Conti, the late Private Secretary of Napoleon III., was to send a telegram to his old master at Chiselhurst, saying that he died faithful to the Imperial cause.

—Mrs. Priscilla K. Ferris, who died at her residence near Red Bank, O., on Friday, in the 79th year of her age, had lived in the Miami Valley since 1812.

—Alfred Lanier Price, the founder and for more than twenty-five years an editor of the Wilmington (N. C.) *Journal*, died in that city on Sunday last, at the age of 57.

—A jury was empanelled at Reading, Pa., recently the average age of the members of which was 80 years. The oldest was 92 and the youngest 71.

—A Meriden, Conn., lad, a few days ago, was brought before a Court for truancy and other boyish misbehavior, and when asked the reason for his conduct replied, "I've got a step-mother."

—E. A. Woodward, of Tammany notoriety, has sold the property on Main street, South Norwalk, Conn., known as the "Club House," for $1,000, and a wharf lot near by for $13,500.

—The Maine Central Railroad Company paid last year to persons on account of injuries received, in the accidents at Freeport, Farmingdale, and Bangor, $46,000.

—The male members of the Catholic church at Stamford, Conn., have surrounded their cemetery with a wall eighteen rods in length and four feet in height and width, doing the work in three days.

—Alfred Ely, of Rochester, N. Y., one of the Congressmen who were made prisoners by the rebels, while making their way to Washington from where they had been viewing the battle of Bull Run, is visiting New York.

—A German lady in Indianapolis, whose husband died about a year ago, leaving his property encumbered to the fullest extent, has managed his business so skilfully that she has released it all, and is now in possession of an income of $2,000.

—The Hon. Henry Wilson was in Farmington, Mass., last Friday, and gave $100 each to the Congregational and Freewill Baptist Sunday-school libraries. Mr. Wilson is a native of the town; and when he was a boy books were not so plenty as now. He once travelled twenty-eight miles to borrow and return one book.

—Mr. R. B. Forbes, of Boston, has just completed the miniature model of one of the fleetest yachts, in the carving of which he has for some time employed his leisure hours. It has been sold for the sum of $25, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

—Sergeant Jackson, an inmate of a National Military Asylum, has became the only heir to the Jackson estate of Harrisburg, Penn. The estate, which has been fifteen years in litigation, has just been settled, leaving a margin in his favor of $30,000, with the expense of Court $1,500.

—The many friends of Jervis McEntee, whose rank among the first landscape artists of New York has long been assured, will gladly hear that he now seems likely to recover from the alarming illness to which any other than a fatal termination seemed a few days ago almost impossible.)

—Mary G. Remsen, of Brooklyn, has brought suit against the Board of Health for removing her son to the Flatbush Hospital when sick with the small-pox. The young man died in the hospital and his mother asks $15,000 damages, claiming that he was well cared for at home.

—The bequest of the late Judge Joseph P. Allyn for a work of art on the park in Hartford, is to be appropriated for a statue of General Israel Putnam, and the commission for the work has been given to J. Q. A. Ward, of New York. The Hon. T. M. Allyn has offered to contribute a sufficient sum in addition to the bequest to erect the statue.

—In sentencing the ruffians in New York, on Friday, Justice Dowling said:

It's a pretty idea that peaceable citizens can be assaulted with impunity, and citizens, because they are officers, pass unchastised. I intend to show to all ruffians that there must be an end to ruffianism. Hereafter all your class brought before me will receive the severest penalty prescribed by law. One year in Penitentiary each.

—At the sale of Fisk's canaries, in New York, last week, one familiar to passengers by the steamer Providence was sold to the advertising agent of a Chicago trinket-dealer for $15.75. ("I paid that price, you know, because it will give me a gratuitous advertisement," remarked this enterprising fellow aside.

—The Nashville *Union* of Feb. 21 says that in diminish that f[illegible] of forests that afflicts Europe far more than it does America. The difference is, however, that we need them to increase our rainfall; we have lumber enough to last us for centuries, while the pressing want across the ocean is for wood in itself. Oak is especially in demand. France produces every year 1,200,000,000 gallons of wine, and uses 1,000,000 cubic feet of oak in making casks. The greater part of this is imported at a cost of 25,000,000. Austria supplies much of it, but the drain upon her resources has been so heavy that she has now only 200,000 acres of choice woodland. The Romans called Mount Ætna, in Sicily, *nemorosa* (wooded), because its sides were covered with a quarter of a million acres of trees. Now, the old forest sites are bare rocks. Spain and Greece are substantially woodless. Holland, Belgium, North Germany, and England are importers of timber. Norway and Sweden, which have furnished almost every European country with cargo after cargo of timber, have been obliged to limit the destruction of forests by law. Unless the present enormous consumption of wood is checked by research and invention, a century or two will see forest-farms, where trees are grown and harvested like grain. This is actually done in a certain township of New England to-day. A man owns some valuable woodland and each year cuts down a twentieth of his trees, sells them, and prepares the ground for a new crop. It has been found that twenty years' growth makes them marketable, and their owner is now cutting off his timber for the second time. And yet our tariff laws offer a premium of 20 per cent to encourage the cutting down of our remaining forests.

The excitement in England over the Lord Chamberlain's supervision of the Christmas pantomimes had peacefully subsided when a repetition of the ill-judged interference re-aroused and intensified it. On the day before Ash Wednesday the theatres were notified that their regular entertainments must be omitted. It was found, however, that the authorities regarded minstrel shows, concerts, and circus performances as consistent with true piety. They were all allowed, and Christy's Minstrels reaped a rich harvest at the expense of Shakspeare. The utter absurdity of making this distinction in favor of the less refined amusements has been pointed out to the Lord Chamberlain year after year. It was thought that the reiterated remonstrance, coupled with the unpleasant position of the Government on the pantomime question, had put a stop to the annual attempt to enforce the observance of Lent, but the result proved the falsity of this idea. What makes the exercise of this authority more irksome to the British public, is the fact that neither the Catholic nor the Greek Churches can enforce such regulations in the strongholds of their power. In Vienna, "Society" declines to dance on Ash Wednesday, but gives dinner parties and goes to theatres with no restriction whatever. In St. Petersburg, "Society" shrinks from the profanation of dancing within the city walls, and so gives balls outside of them during the day and returns to the town and the drama in the evening. In England, the day is practically unobserved, save by the Catholics and High-Church Episcopalians. It is neither a holiday nor fast-day. Business goes on as usual until evening comes, and the Lord Chamberlain's decree closes about a dozen theatres and hundreds of hard-working persons of their nightly pay. Evidently the English, by reiterating every Sunday their submission to the powers that be, have insensibly imbibed a too great reverence for the customs that be. A century ago, when Lent opened the theatres closed. Now, although the opening of Lent is merely a vague idea, the closing of the theatres is a very palpable fact.

The testimony given between 1645 and 1709 against the witches of New England is being curiously reproduced in the trial of a French woman for sorcery, at Marseilles. What the Rev. Increase Mather styled "ye unmistakable deeds of ye devil" are alleged against this luckless old woman by a dozen accusers. She has fascinated some persons by her "evil eye;" some she has caused invisible agencies to beat and pinch; she has slain cattle; she has broken furniture and shaken houses, and she has flown through the air on a broomstick with the greatest ease and agility. One unwary person was seen in the provision store, which the witch most unromantically has turned into a fancy-goods store, to be broken forthwith. Another witness had cursed the old woman, and the stones of the street straightway preached sermons to him by leaping up and striking him on the head. A woman tried to whip the sorceress, and a sulphurous whirlwind carried away her chignon, while a pair of goat's feet danced heavily on her bonnet. These are but specimens of the sworn statements of the witnesses against the accused, and reveal a depth of credulity scarcely credible at this late day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The police of Boston ask for an increase of their salaries. The Captains want $1,500 a year; Lieutenants, $1,400; Sergeants, $1,300, and patrolmen, $1,200.

—At Glasgow, Scotland, an iodine factory uses up 4,000 tons of seaweed every year.

—The Schenectady locomotive works employ 675 men.

—The Newark (N. J.) Board of Education decided to admit colored children into public schools by a vote of 21 to 1. The negative vote was given by John Smith.

—There are 145 persons confined in the Louisville Workhouse; 102 of the number are men, and 43 women. The institution is an old building, and in many respects unfit for the purpose.

—The Washington Artillery was mustered in last week at the national capital, under the captaincy of C. M. Alexander, and will give a grand ball at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening.

—Some idea of the vastness of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is had in the fact that no fewer than 14,000 persons were under its roof on the occasion of the royal thanksgiving.

—Cheyenne people have on foot a project to build by subscription a public hall, to be called "Recreation Hall," and to be used for gymnastics, dancing, roller-skating, and other similar performances.

—Some Chester County (Pa.) woodcutters recently sawed down a large poplar tree, and found snugly ensconced therein a hickory sapling, fully four inches inside the bark. Both hickory and poplar were perfectly sound.

—An iron bridge, with stone abutments and centre piers, is to be built across Park River, at the western terminus of College street, near the south end of Sigourney street, Hartford. The cost is not to exceed $26,000.

—The Lawrence papers are giving nearly the whole of their local columns to reports of Mr. Hammond's meetings. There must have been a great deal of wickedness in Lawrence, for there certainly seems to be almost unlimited repentance.

—Some young scamps have, it appears, been in the habit of gumming the slide at the Post Office in St. John, N. B., thereby causing the written letters to remain where they can be easily picked out, appropriated if they contain valuables, or returned if they are of no use to boys.

—The Town Council of Clifton, Canada, have resolved to petition the Ontario Legislature for special acts conferring power upon the Mayor and Council of that town, that they may more effectually suppress robberies and lawlessness on the border.

—At Mobile, on Monday last, a sailor from the the revenue cutter Delaware, with the assistance of several other sailors, cleared out a policeman and afterwards whipped all the prisoners in a cell, and while being conveyed to the wharf to be sent aboard the vessel, pushed an officer overboard.

—The New Orleans *Picayune* says of the City Insane Asylum: "One hundred and twenty men, women, and children, of all nationalities and colors, are morally and physically rotting away in the exiguous cells and limited courts of a prison constructed after the model of the French Bastile."

—It has been announced that the venerable parish of St. John's, Washington, will commence building this spring a new church edifice, which for architectural grandeur will surpass anything in that city. The old edifice is to remain as it is, while the new edifice will be known as St. John's chapel.

—There is a growing tendency among the large manufacturing interests of the East, to move Westward. Among recent removals are Colby Brothers & Co., manufacturers of willow ware, &c.; the Case & Thomas Manufacturing Co., and S. H. Thomas, manufacturer of ink, blacking, mucilage, &c., from Waterbury, Vt., to Reading, Michigan.

—The Philadelphia Board of Health, in consequence of numerous complaints received, have taken up the subject of the filthy condition of the water in the Schuylkill River. The Fairmount Park Commissioners have been investigating this subject for some time past, and they propose building a sewer along the river to abate the nuisance.

—Joaquin Miller lectured in San Francisco a few nights ago. He introduced himself by saying that this was his first attempt to lecture, and, if the then condition of his mind remained unchanged, it would be his last. He closed with the following remark: "I thank you for your attention, and (lifting his eyes upward) I am thankful to Him who doeth all things well that I have been enabled to get through."

—Maria Pierre, a native of San Domingo, who has resided in New Orleans since 1809, died in that city on Feb. 26, aged 108. When 61 years old, her eye-sight so far failed as to compel the use of glasses, but on attaining her 90th year her eye-sight again became strong enough for her to dispense with spectacles, and continued so up to the time of her death.

—The Cincinnati *Enquirer* of March 3 says:

They had almost a fatal accident during the session of the National Theatre last evening, but the skill and readiness of the lady rope walker prevented it. We have already described the wonderful slide down backward down a steep rope from gallery to stage, she standing upright in the centre of this slide. Last evening the slide was too slack and when she had made part of the ascent the last her balance, and, dropping suddenly, she was thrown in the direction fell and caught the rope with her hands. Then she swung back and forth, and completed her performance amid the cheers of the assemblage.

—Baron von Offenberg, the new Russian Minister to the United States, who will reach Washington about Feb. 20, has, for many years, had charge of very important interests of the Imperial Russian Government in the East, as Consul General at Budharest, where Russia has for some time been sustaining a quasi protectorate of the Principalities. He belongs to an old Russo-German family, long resident in Russia, and is spoken of not only as an accomplished scholar and a man of brilliant literary attainments, but as an able and shrewd diplomatist. He is accompanied by Count Kreutz, a young Russian nobleman who has already distinguished himself in the diplomatic service on the Continent, and who comes out to America as an attache of the Russian Legation.

—On Feb. 22, John D. Blanchard, a prominent business man of Palmer, Mass., fell dead in his own door yard, from what was supposed to be disease of the heart. On Feb. 27 the funeral was held, the grave dug, and preparations were making to convey the body from the house, when the life-like appearance of the face was remarked, and doubt expressed as to the body being dead. It was also discovered that the blood was limpid in his veins, and there were warm spots under his arms and on his back. The idea of burial was given up, and a galvanic battery applied by the doctors, without, however, restoring life. The doctors gave it as their opinion that he is dead, yet they advise that interment be delayed until signs of decomposition are viable. Since his decease the face is unchanged in its life-like appearance; the blood follows the finger as it is pressed along a vein on the arm or hand, and the warm spots continue.

—Daniel Treadwell, a well-known scientific gentleman living in Cambridge, Mass., died on Tuesday, at 80 years of age. He was born at Ipswich, Mass., in 1791. He possessed great inventive genius, and early began to put it to practical use. He commenced by making wooden screws, and afterward constructed the first printing-press whose motive-power was other than human. In 1826 he made a survey for bringing water into Boston; in 1830 he invented the locomotive-truck by which means trains could be run each way over a single line of track; in 1839 he invented machines for the spinning of hemp, which have not yet passed into disuse. He was very successful in casting heavy ordnance of iron and steel in anticipation of the famous Armstrong gun. For eleven years, from 1834 to 1845, he was Rumford Professor in Harvard University, and his improvements while in life he did much to advance the cause of science and art throughout the world.

—A Binghamton letter to the New York *Sun* announces the death of Bradley Grant on Feb. 27, who thus starved himself to death:

The time required was just six weeks to a day. During all this time he had not taken more than three ounces of any kind of food. On Jan. 20, the last day of his long fast, he ate a little fish, a part of an egg beaten up with a little milk. Of this he supped only two tablespoonfuls, the next meal was taken the day afterwards, and consisted of but half a cup of tea and a piece of toast about the size of a man's thumb nail. This was the only food he took for twenty days. His last meal consisted of one ounce of toast, which he was induced to swallow on the 16th inst. A few days before he took two teaspoonfuls of brandy and water were forced down his throat. This sums up all his food for the last 40 days. His stomach during the six weeks. His wife and family have watched him night and day to see if he did not visit the pantry, but he was too feeble to move. But he never went, and the food was never disturbed. He became delirious from the exhaustion, and from mental derangement superintended by overwork. He was never known to have had any family difficulty. The farm has been left in a very poor condition, and the farm well stocked. He leaves a wife and a three-year-old child. His body was reduced to a perfect skeleton.

—The demise of a noted character in New York is thus chronicled by the *World*: To the majority of her customers she was known only as "the Fulton street oyster woman," who conspicuously for more than the little stand at the corner of Fulton and Nassau streets was presided over by Mrs. Connor. She was an old landmark. Scores of men now well advanced in years used to patronize her when they were schoolboys, and later, when they had attained to the dignity of office boys and messengers. All the newsboys, bootblacks, and street gamins knew her and spent their spare pennies at her stand. Many of them she kept little accounts. Her stock of pastries included the fanciful varieties of cheap tarts, gingerbread, and doubtful plum-cake. The old lady was always neatly dressed, and her smiling face was well known to most of the myriads of foot passengers who passed her stand on their way to the City. When first she set up her little board at the corner she alone reaped the profits of her business, paying no rent to the city. She had many battles during her life with the Street Inspectors and Bureau of Permits, and notwithstanding the many raids made upon adjoining stands, she always managed to maintain her position on the corner, and the recurrence of each morning found Mrs. Connor and her customers in full swing. Contrary to the usual custom, the old lady failed to come. A few days ago the old lady failed to make her diurnal appearance, and two days later her stand was removed by friends. Then it was announced that she was dead, and that her heirs had been bequeathed a fortune of $10,000, all of which had been realized by the old lady from her little daily sales of tarts and cakes.

PARIS.

The "American Case" Discussed at the French Capital.

Progress of the National Subscription.

The Recent Ministerial Resignations---Judicial Appointments.

A Dismal Carnival Season---The Last New Plays.

From Our Special Correspondent.

PARIS, Feb. 13.

All our personal occupations, our pursuits, and our discussions, multifarious as they were, have been put on one side this week by your great Alabama question. It is strange how a thing which concerns the United States has such power to excite France, and often to a greater degree than yourselves. One would say it was a family matter, touching our honor even, and which made us forget everything. Then we get ready to follow the adventure with a kind of paternal anxiety, like that of a grandfather following with pride the movements of his child, praising or excusing them all, and desiring only to see him grow up and prosper. I don't fully know how far the United States returns this affection, but they would be very ungrateful if they did not repay some part of the tender interest we take in them.

When we heard at Paris of the new variance that had been raised between your Republic and England relative to this so often settled and always reopened Alabama question, we did not believe it. Though they began talking on all sides in parlors and club-rooms more than in the papers, and though securities fell, people said that it was some stock-jobbing report. Bankers want stocks to fall, want even a panic, perhaps, in order to have increased sales and free an overloaded market. The matter was before a Board of Arbitration. There was no storm to be feared on that side.

But when the speech of the Queen of England came, the Parliamentary discussions which followed it, and the remarks of your papers, public sentiment wheeled round completely. They found that England was riding a high horse in regard to claims which were perhaps exaggerated, but which at least had a right to be presented. As England has with us, and everywhere in the business world, rich and powerful allies who judge but by their eyes, opinions among the upper classes were divided. But the great body of the people, who judge by feeling and to some extent by instinct, are for you on account of that very instinct, and by reason of a silent but never extinguished irritation against our neighbors, who are too often our enemies, we cannot help remembering that in other days France aided our ancestors, of illustrious memory, and France, now a Republic, cannot help entertaining a national sympathy for the only great Republic of the world. This is the state of public sentiment regarding your controversy. As to our feelings, but our instinctive and traditional sympathies, and all our inclinations, are for you.

THE NATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Our national subscription, for the expulsion of our enemies, by the payment of the indemnity, is proceeding successfully. Yet a little while, and those who do not give will be pointed out. But the sum is so great that the national subscription alone will hardly meet it, if it is not aided by a special, in addition to the general, interest. In view of this object to be attained, all who pay any attention to finances are seeking some practical method of uniting, in a just proportion, private and public interests. Lotteries were at first thought of; the immediate renewal of licensed gaming-houses; a loan with lots; bonds, dividends, and interest; a kind of half-obligatory subscription, etc. But all these plans are now giving way to the idea of a loan, pure and simple, and the payment, at the last one, with a moderate immediate bounty, but with a less rate of interest in the future. This meets the approval of our great financiers. But as all this will be voted by and they are waiting for the opinion of the Committee of the General Assembly, entrusted with the thorough investigation of the subject, nothing has yet been done.

THE RECENT RESIGNATIONS.

Many of the personal embarrassments arising from the hasty resignation of M. Thiers last week, have amused the Parisians this week. None have more than the assistance, but, taken as a whole, they have added to the difficulties surrounding the Government, what was already greatly hampered by divisions and of the threatening presence of the Germans in our territory. It is like a mass of brambles no one of which has strength to stop a wheel for a second, but which united make a formidable obstacle.

In the first place, there was the resignation of the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Casimir Perrier, who presided by the decision made by the National Assembly not to return to Paris, to withdraw. This made quite a stir, because it was whispered that Mr. Perrier left, not only on account of the action of the Versailles Assembly, but of its difference of opinion with the Government on questions of political economy. The situation of the Prefect of Paris, owing to the decidedly Red complexion of the Municipal Council, is a very difficult one. Mr. Say, however, got along with honor and ability. His action caused some talk, not on account of his leaving, but of the difficulty of replacing him. But this matter has been settled. A notice in this morning's *Official Journal* announces that the Government has not accepted the resignation of the Prefect. So one difficulty has been settled.

A third difficulty, of secondary importance, but which came near provoking a Ministerial crisis, also occurred this week, and was settled only yesterday. A Commission charged with investigation of purchases made during the war, and having at its head one of the most important members of the Orleanist party, the Duke d'Audiffret Pasquier, had a formal, rather than a vital, difference with General Suzanne, Chief of Artillery. The General said that the Committee and its Chairman were very touchy and incredibly suspicious, and would compromise all those who had offered information, and that, consequently, he wanted to have nothing to do with them. The Committee very properly replied that it was supreme, since it was created by the Assembly, that, if it was suspicious, it had its reasons for it, especially concerning the Minister of War and General Suzanne; that the latter was there to answer questions and not to make objections, and that consequently it demanded his removal. But the Minister of War and Mr. Thiers supported the General, who, it seems, had rendered them essential services during the war of the Commune. Finally the matter ended by the transfer of the General to other duty. There are these constant turmoils, the peculiar defect of our weak Government.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

There was a warm discussion in the General Assembly concerning the Judiciary. The Chief of the Empire and the brief duration of the Government of the Fourth of September were organized, among other improper performances, by scandalous appointments of Magistrates. They picked up on all sides lawyers and worthless office-holders, to make of them Judges and even Councillors, governed only by political reasons, Imperial or Revolutionary. To stop these practices, which might be renewed, many members of the General Assembly have suggested a reform, not in the Magistracy, but in the manner of choosing its members, who provided for vacancies themselves, like the Academy. There is much to say on this subject, and there has been much talk, but nothing has been done. Public opinion is decidedly against these discussions, which are somewhat untimely when there are so many important matters to settle,—taxation, the army, the war indemnity, the Election law, etc. It is proper to say, on behalf of the General Assembly, that these important matters, being all discussed in Committee, it must await their difficult labors in order to decide properly. But public opinion in France is now so eager, so impatient, that it would gladly see every question settled before it was fairly stated. It is our great fault, and, though we see, and try to correct it, it

UNIVERSALISM.

Meeting for the Formation of a Union of the Three Societies in This City.

Report of the Committee on Organization—Remarks by Clergymen and Laymen.

The Universalist churches of the city held a meeting last evening at Murray Chapel, on Twenty-second street. After some preliminary religious exercises, Dr. Throop stated the meeting was an adjourned one, the first having been held some days ago. The purpose of the meetings was to secure concert of action among the Universalists of the city.

Judge Walker, from a Sub-Committee appointed to prepare a condensed statement of the object of the proposed union of the Universalist churches, reported as follows:

> *To Rev. A. Throop, Chairman Joint Committee of the First, Second, and Third Universalist Societies of the City of Chicago:*
>
> Your Committee appointed for the purpose of submitting at the first public meeting a condensed statement of the objects of the proposed organization, which is composed of the several societies of the Universalist denomination in the city to harmonize efforts, and to arrange for the first public meeting, beg leave to report as follows, through you, to this meeting. The immediate object of this or any meeting shall be to bring together at frequent stated periods the members of the three societies of our faith in this city and neighboring parishes, and by that means to obtain concert of feeling, unity, and action in all enterprises for the extension of our cause. By the extension of our cause, we mean not only the gathering of new members into our churches, but the increase of facilities for public worship, but that universalism may be made a greater part of our every-day life, and that our several societies may be brought into a closer and more active fellowship, a more perfect unity, also enabling us to provide for our common defence, to promote the general welfare of our people, and to secure to ourselves and to our posterity the blessings that flow from a life of love, integrity, and devotion. Your Committee believe that they have selected as the basis of organization the following:

For President, C. H. Hollins or Willard Wood; for First Vice President, M. Ferguss or Benjamin Monroe; for Second Vice President, James H. Raymond; for Third Vice President, John Wilson or Mr. D. G. Hall; for Secretary and Treasurer, S. S. Wilson; and your Committee would further report that they have arranged to hold the first public meeting at Murray Chapel on March 4.

At the conclusion of Dr. Ryder, Judge Wallace followed up his report with a few remarks in regard to the general object of the meeting. The subject of the hour was of infinite importance. Universalists have a faith, in whose power and comprehension they believe, and think that all who entertain that faith must necessarily be good. It requires the development of the heart as well as the intellect. The Universalist Church had been charged with cultivating only the intellectual faculties. This is a mistake. Universalism favors the cultivation of the religious sentiment as much as any other denomination. The resolution in the report expressed the objects of the proposed organization, as near as could possibly be expressed in a limited space. The meetings which it advised would produce a concert of feeling and of action. The Universalist Church could well afford to be harmonious action. It was proposed to go beyond the immediate pale of the Church, into the by-ways and hedges and bring in the halt, the blind, and the lame. Universalists should work together as organizations as well as individuals. This Church needed defence, not because it met with harassments, but against the aggressiveness of other denominations. This could be best secured by the culture of the men and women who made up the Church. With perseverance, devotion, and energy rightly directed, the Union might be made successful, and the means of accomplishing great good.

Mr. Woodward, the President, being called upon, spoke briefly in regard to the Union and its objects. The object of the present meeting was to devise means for the support and spread of Universalist doctrines in Chicago. This movement was not made because it was thought that Universalism is languishing, but the signs of the times indicate that victory is approaching. The influence of the doctrines of Universalism upon the Orthodox Churches, has been that of the sun upon the traveller, as related in the Fable—it has compelled bigotry to throw off its cloak. Their discussion has had a warming and revivifying effect upon religious everywhere. No man can be a consistent Christian who even repeat the Lord's Prayer, without being a Universalist. All liberal minds favor the doctrines of that Church. Chicago occupies an important position to day as regards religion, having the eyes of all the world fixed upon her. There must therefore be something for Universalism in this city to do. There is much educating and enlightening to be done in which Universalists should participate. But there should be no dissensions, and there would not be if all the proposed meeting together cultivated love and humility of sentiment.

Dr. Ryder followed. He paid a high compliment to Mr. Woodward, saying that he first knew that gentleman when teacher of the Jones School, at which he made a good teacher. The efforts now making should not be a spasmodic one if he (Dr. Ryder) could make it successful. To make the union a success, and to establish a permanent interest, they should make up their minds to go to work, and should follow up the resolution by acts and by prayer. He disclaimed sectarianism. The Methodist was doing a work that the Universalist could not do, and vice versa. All denominations were accomplishing a work that conduced to the general welfare of mankind. The Universalist denomination had its proper place among the denominations of Christ, but did not desire to arrogate to itself all there was true and good. It was his opinion that good would result from this meeting. It was not to be expected that the world would be converted in a day, but it would be likely to cultivate good feeling, and assist in the spread of truth. But it could not be supported without work and prayer. More were present than could have been expected, owing to the inclemency of the weather. It was an omen of success. Let all resolve that success should be secured, at whatever cost, and then each see that if failure resulted, the cause of it should not lie at his door.

Rev. Mr. Dennis said that every man familiar with the history of the Church knew that if there had been more harmony among the original churches the success of Christianity would have been greater than it has been. From this he showed the good results likely to come from the union of Universalist churches. Others spoke briefly, and to the same general purport.

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One of Henry Clay's Letters.

[Correspondence of the Washington Canonicla.

I send to your paper a copy of a letter written by Henry Clay to my father, in New England, forty years ago, regarding the feasibility of the idea of a railroad to the Pacific. It may be interesting to note what progress the country has made in these years in the development of the idea which, to the great mind of Mr. Clay, seemed almost chimerical. Unfortunately, no reference to the Pacific Railroad is made in his reply to my father's letter, but I know what was the subject of the letter, for I often heard it spoken of by my father, and perhaps to him belongs the conception of the plan. I copy the letter verbatim. It is in a fine, careful, lady's hand, before the days of steel pens, with a big red seal, and "Free, H. Clay," in the corner.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 1832.

SIR: Be pleased to accept my thanks for the obliging expressions contained in your letter of the 3d ultimo. The project which it suggests for imposing of the future surplus revenue of the Union is, as you describe it, a bold one; but not on that account entitled to less respectful consideration, should it appear practicable, expedient, and called for by the existence of so large a surplus as is supposed. On this last point the fact will probably not meet your expectations. Should the duties be reduced on the principles now under consideration in one branch of the National Legislature, the surplus revenue will not, for a long time, be sufficient for so extensive a scheme as that proposed by you.

The scheme involves considerations so numerous and complicated that my engagements at present leave me no opportunity of going into them in the manner I could wish, or even to state my sentiments distinctly on the subject. I am, nevertheless, gratified by having my attention called to it, and am, sir, respectfully, Your obedient servant,

H. CLAY.

A Rich Widow in the Tombs.

From the New York Sun, Feb. 29.

About six months ago Mrs. Jane Curtis and her husband, Wilbur Fisher Curtis, arrived in this city from the Pacific coast, in a private car. Mr. Curtis was President of one of the leading insurance companies of San Francisco, and was rich. He had not been in the East for twenty years. All his old acquaintances had disappeared, and he knew no one in New York. They had lodgings in the Hoffman House, and busied themselves in visiting all the notable places in modern Gotham.

On December Mr. Curtis was stricken with sickness, and died. After his burial his widow, instead of returning to her home in San Francisco, engaged rooms in a private boarding house on Amity street, and took up her residence there. She soon grew intimate with another lady boarder, who professed the greatest friendship for her. The two were always together. The climate of San Francisco is very mild in comparison with our own, and Mrs. Curtis, being ignorant of the difference, had not brought sufficiently warm clothing to keep off the cold of a New York winter. One bitter day (Jan. 24), wishing to go out of doors for half an hour, and borrowing an overcoat with this boarder mentioned, she borrowed a valuable velvet cloak belonging to her friend during the latter's absence.

On Mrs. Curtis' friend's return she missed her cloak. She made hurried inquiries, and was informed that Mrs. Curtis had taken it. Jumping to the conclusion that Mrs. Curtis was a thief, she hastened to the nearest police station to lodge a complaint. On her way she met Mrs. Curtis returning, and, calling a policeman, had her arrested on a charge of theft.

After hearing the poor woman was attacked at the bar of Jefferson Market Police Court, and, notwithstanding her indignant protestations of innocence, and impassioned appeal for time to know who she was, the Magistrate sent the case for trial to the General Sessions, fixing her bonds at $500. Her money, of which she had a large sum in her possession, was worthless as bail, and she had not a friend within 3,000 miles to whom she could apply. She was sent to the Tombs and locked up in the same cell with common thieves and prostitutes, the city prison being overcrowded.

By means of a liberal use of her funds she contrived to have a telegraphic despatch sent to a friend of her family, a wealthy and respected merchant of San Francisco, detailing the circumstances of her cruel incarceration, and begging his assistance. Instantly he took an Eastern-bound train, but was snowed in and detained for many days, delaying his arrival in this city until yesterday morning. He hurried to Jefferson Market and was directed to the Tombs. There he learned that the case was called on the 15th of February and dismissed, the complainant not appearing.

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Our readers and the public generally, are by this acquainted with the aims and quality of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, that we need not enlarge upon that subject. Near the close of the 35th year of our existence as a public journal, we had the misfortune, in common with a large majority of the business community of Chicago, to be burnt out, losing thereby the new commodious newspaper building in the United States and being deprived, temporarily, of the use of our extensive printing machinery. We have commenced rebuilding our ruined edifice on on a more enduring plan than before, and we have effected arrangements for the use of machinery which practically gives to the newsparalities that we possessed before the fire. Upon occupation of our new building and machinery THE TRIBUNE will be issued as an octave, and contain eight pages of reading matter.

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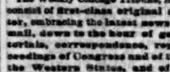

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BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK

AT CHICAGO,

In the State of Illinois, at Close of Business, Feb. 27, 1872.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$795,181 86
Overdrafts		3,707 15
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		300,000 00
Other stocks, bonds, and mortgages		9,250 00
Due from approved reserve agents		170,344 21
Due from redeeming and reserve agents		34,941 60
Due from other National Banks		8,997 13
Furniture and fixtures (safe)		1,500 00
Current expenses		1,333 71
Premiums paid		21,750 00
Cash items (including stamps)		1,370 78
Exchanges for Clearing House	$30,301 20	
Bills of other National Banks	24,000 00	
Fractional currency, including nickels	31 11	
		54,332 31
Legal tender notes		140,000 00
		$1,750,402 35
Capital stock paid in		$500,000 00
Surplus fund	$1,072 43	
Interest	5,413 25	
Profit and loss	9,837 21	
		16,122 89
National Bank circulation outstanding		450,000 00
Individual deposits	772,995 37	
Certified checks	11,772 20	
		783,269 57
		$1,750,402 35

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss. I, JOHN C. HAINES, Cashier of the Corn Exchange National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ORSON SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 1872.

WM. C. OAKLEY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. E. CULVER,
HENRY HOTSFORD,
JOHN R. DWIGHT,
Directors.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FIFTH NATIONAL BANK

OF CHICAGO,

At the Close of Business, Feb. 27, 1872.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$978,622 20
Overdrafts		5,838 92
United States bonds to secure circulation		325,000 00
United States bonds on hand		5,000 00
Due from redeeming and reserve agents	$193,432 33	
Due from other National Banks	220,781 34	
Due from other banks and bankers	7,934 89	
		422,211 66
Banking house	14,176 66	
Other real estate	47,302 74	
Furniture and fixtures	5,000 00	
		66,479 40
Current expenses		6,793 39
Cash items (including stamps)	10,273 41	
Exchanges for clearing house	47,420 33	
Bills of other national banks	18,426 00	
Fractional currency (including nickels)	1,401 03	
Legal tender notes	148,670 00	
		226,393 77
		$2,184,468 92
Capital stock paid in		$500,000 00
Surplus fund		100,000 00
Exchange	$ 58 31	
Interest	15,068 57	
Profit and loss	7,983 78	
		23,460 66
Circulating notes received from Comptroller	$449,950 00	
Amount on hand	20,000 00	
Amount with Comptroller for burning	2,700 00	
		22,700 00
Amount outstanding		424,250 00
Dividends unpaid		500 00
Individual deposits	685 75	
Certified checks	4,600 00	
Due to National banks	287,128 76	
Due to other banks and bankers	248,513 09	
		1,136,977 84
		$2,150,468 50

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss: I, JAMES LOMBARD, Cashier of the Fifth National Bank of Chicago, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ISAAC G. LOMBARD, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. B. SAWYER,
THOMAS S. PHILLIPS,
C. K. BARTON,
Directors.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of March, 1872.

EDWARD WALKER, Notary Public.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK

OF CHICAGO,

At the Close of Business, February 27, 1872.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,244,236 43
Overdrafts		2,173 73
United States bonds to secure circulation	$600,000 00	
Stock, bonds, mortgages	75,075 00	
		675,075 00
Due from redeeming and reserve agents	$ 116,989 13	
Due from National Banks	471 50	
Due from Banks and bankers	26,450 65	
	35,971 78	
		183,882 13
Furniture and fixtures		2,840 06
Current expenses		6,543 00
Cash items and other items and stamps	$ 595 00	
Exchanges for Clearing House	9,064 00	
Bills of other National Banks	20,750 00	
Fractional Currency (including nickels)	663 51	
American gold	5,000 00	
Legal tenders	346,160 00	
		382,272 74
		$2,455,441 62

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$500,000 00	
Surplus fund	50,000 00	
		$550,000 00
Interest	$ 19,275 31	
Exchange	1,186 34	
Profit and loss	2,213 14	
		25,674 99
Circulation outstanding		416,000 00
Individual deposits	$1,206,654 28	
Certified checks	35,650 74	
Due to National Banks	77,784 15	
Due other banks and bankers	74,132 66	
		1,494,316 04
		$2,455,441 03

I, Herman Schaffner, Cashier of the German National Bank of Chicago, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN SCHAFFNER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: Henry Greenebaum, J. A. Huck, Peter Schneider.

State of Illinois, County of Cook:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of March, 1872. RUDOLPH E. SCHULTZ, Notary Public.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,

OF CHICAGO, ILL.,

At Close of Business Feb. 27, 1872.

RESOURCES.

Bills discounted		$332,114 62
Overdrafts		12,741 69
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		123,000 00
Due from approved associations in New York	$116,969 16	
Due from other National Banks	15,775 94	
Due from State banks and bankers	2,698 03	
		146,551 32
Current expenses	1,914 26	
Taxes paid	20,157 14	
		22,071 40
Cash items including stamps	1,500 00	
Exchanges for Clearing House	27,511 63	
Bills of other National Banks	27,545 00	
Fractional currency (including nickels)	622 12	
Legal tender notes	137,000 00	
		194,178 27
		$1,046,563 25

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$200,000 00
Surplus fund		30,000 00
Exchange	$624 42	
Interest	4,126 44	
Profit and loss	33,775 40	
		67,316 27
		110,000 00
Circulating notes	497,210 00	
Individual deposits	97,521 82	
Certified checks	40,065 25	
Due to National Banks	90,787 97	
		643,384 29
		$1,046,563 25

State of Illinois, County of Cook: ss. I, Joseph C. Baxter, President of the Traders' National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH C. BAXTER, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of March, 1872.

ALBERT F. WARD, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
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BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,

OF CHICAGO,

At Chicago, in the State of Illinois, at the Close of Business on the 27th day of February, 1872.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$624,678 97
Overdrafts		2,277 15
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		161,000 00
Other stock, bonds, and mortgages		1,318 50
Due from approved reserve agents	$ 64,136 30	
Due from other National Banks	18,269 75	
Due from other banks and bankers	31,402 82	
		113,808 87
Real estate		24,000 00
Current expenses	$ 4,345 32	
Taxes paid	2,715 19	
		7,060 51
Cash items (U. S. revenue stamps)	$ 1,322 52	
Exchanges for Clearing House	63,447 39	
Bills of other National Banks	12,940 00	
Fractional currency (including nickels)	1,096 61	
Legal tenders	34,718 00	
	208,526 50	
		322,442 52
		$1,272,886 04
Capital stock paid in		$500,000 00
Surplus fund		50,000 00
Exchange	$ 666 88	
Interest	7,931 20	
Profit and loss	61,435 83	
		69,537 91
National Bank circulation outstanding		140,000 00
Individual deposits	$713,420 41	
Certified checks	4,977 94	
Cashier's check outstanding	6,694 20	
Due to National Banks	30,333 02	
Due to other banks and bankers	205,969 16	
		961,394 93
		$1,272,886 04

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

I, J. R. REED, Cashier of the Mechanics' National Bank of Chicago, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOS. SAM. REED, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of March, 1872.

SAML. D. FERRY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
R. W. RAYMOND,
W. F. McCAGG,
WM. SPRAGUE,
Directors.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK,

At Chicago, in the State of Illinois, at close of business, Feb. 27, 1872.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$748,415 97
Overdrafts		953 92
Suspended paper (good)		12,855 00
		$1,128,182 95
Bad debts (none)		22,500 00
Overdrafts		
United States bonds to secure circulation		500,000 00
United States bonds to secure deposits		6,000 00
Other real estate		7,000 00
Furniture and fixtures		5,445 70
Current expenses		8,777 50
Premiums paid		43,304 41
Cash items (including stamps)		634 57
Bills of other National Banks		4,657 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)		1,112 00
Specie—coin		500 00
Legal tender notes		25,000 00
		$689,119 70
Capital stock paid in		$100,000 00
Surplus fund		30,000 00
Discount	$ 956 64	
Exchange	2,190 82	
Profit and loss	8,568 24	
		11,715 70
National Bank circulation outstanding		90,000 00
Individual deposits	$270,678 82	
Due to National Banks	8,112 33	
		278,809 19
		$453,119 70

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I, EDWARD S. STICKNEY, Cashier of the Union Stock Yard National Bank, of Chicago, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. STICKNEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of March A. D. 1872.

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One who spends much time on Pennsylvania avenue, the fashionable thoroughfare of Washington, must frequently have noticed an old man of powerful body, large head, and a strong face. Not that these are remarkable characteristics for one man to possess, but from the general striking appearance of the figure as it stalks along you would lead you to take a second look at it. Your attention would be attracted by a dark snuff-colored overcoat reaching nearly to the feet, with immense lappels covering immense pockets. The skirts of the coat begin far up the back, and the collar is large and stiff. This coat is buttoned closely above a form which, if it be true to poetry, and I presume it is, is concealed by pantaloons apparently fitted over the stump of one of the California big trees. A woollen comforter of plaid scarf, a couple of yards long and a foot wide, is wound two or three times about the neck of this figure. A slouch hat covers the large gray head, which is turned to the ground as the figure passes slowly along.

Not long ago and the owner of this strange figure and the strange clothes I have described, came to the office of the *Commercial*, on Fourteenth street, and sat down in the front room. His first visit lasted about an hour, and almost every evening afterward found him intently perusing the various newspapers on file there. He became so friendly as to talk a little the second evening, and it was not long before I knew his whole history. I cannot recall the first words he said to me, but I was struck at once with his superior intelligence and his extended information. His face was strong and determined, his eye keen and inspiring, and his whole expression denoted courage, perseverance and obstinacy. I was not long in finding out that this strange man, now hastening rapidly toward the west of winters, ripened, hard, and trying ones they must have been, was a graduate of West Point, and a high officer in the army during the rebellion. He was perhaps the most wonderful faculty in his extraordinary memory and his power of illustration. He must, at one time in life, have been a severe student, for he brought forward, and, in fact, used in a very lawyer-like manner showing his entire familiarity with his references, apt quotations and citations from ancient history, from mythology, from poetry, and from the Scriptures. This man, as I have said, was meanly dressed, he was evidently without friends, without money, and was certainly dirty.

Would you like to know the reason? I will tell you: He has a hobby, and he has devoted it until he has ridden the clothes off his back, labor from his hands, and food from his stomach. It was not strange that I became interested in this man, and curious to know more of him. His hobby is that Generals Grant, Sherman, and Halleck were engaged in a conspiracy to break down every rising officer, and to enhance, perpetuate, and eliminate from the next generation. Taking this principle as a starting point, this giant with a hobby proceeds to establish it and bring it before the world in order that history may accord them their proper place among the dishonest and treacherous characters which the war brought forth. He reviews the battle of Shiloh, the armies and battles in the South and Southwest, including Corinth and Donelson, and has collected a lot of testimony and facts which make out a very strong *prima facie* case against Grant.

This is the old man's business, and to this has he devoted the unhappy years of his decline—writing, searching, studying, picking up a fact, verifying it there, and then establishing it yonder, obtaining concurrent proof, getting names of witnesses, writing to unfriendly or envious officers, and thus adding to the immense load of facts and evidence which he hopes to entangle Grant and Sherman. His purpose is to write a book, make a fortune, and what is a sweeter ambition by far, to hand down to posterity in disgrace the hated names of Grant, Sherman, and Halleck. How many pages of the book (which is, indeed, the love of his ambition, because on that rests all his hopes and prayers) he has thus prepared, I cannot tell; but I should guess he has, from the pile of manuscript I saw in his room, enough ready to fill a book of the size of the Bible.

One evening, when I had little to do, I went to the front room where the old man was sitting, and began to talk to him. That night was one of the coldest I have ever known in Washington. The wind was high, snow was upon the ground, and those who cannot afford to keep warm had icicles and ornated snow clinging to their beards.

"General," I said, "what time do you go to bed these cold nights?"

"Sometimes when I can, and sometimes another. I stay about here when I don't want to work, because it saves wood and lights."

This was the first intimation I had of his poverty, because I knew instantly that he was not miserly from choice, but from necessity. True, he was poorly clad, but thousands of well-to-do old men are careless of their dress.

"Such a night as this, General, is rather severe on a wood-pile. Why don't you burn coal? It would be much cheaper."

He satisfied me in a few words. First, his stove would not burn coal; and, second, he only used a fire once in a while. When in his room he got cold, he would build a little wood fire, warm himself and the room somewhat, and let the fire die out. Then in the course of two or three hours, if he got cold again, he would build another little fire of wood, and would last him all day. This seemed to me a strange economy, as I had never seen a man of his intelligence, unless he had some reason, be compelled to live upon himself on account of poverty. He continued:

"The fact is, a hot fire is bad in my room, on account of bugs. They're awful, sir. They are as big as crabs, and have a bite like the devil. But I give them a good shaking up twice a day. Plenty? They are, indeed, sir, plenty as sinners at communion. Until I got used to them I was afraid to go to bed. I don't know what I would do. You see I lay a couple of boards on my trunks; they make a good spring. Then I have a bed-tick that I fill with straw, put on the boards; that makes my bed soft. Then I have three or four army blankets, and they keep me warm. In the daytime I stand my bedding up against the wall, roll my pallet and blankets and tie them with a strap as I used to do in the army; this gives me more room to exercise in the daytime. I have a long swig around in the morning and at night."

"Where do you live, General?"

"Oh, I live on Eighth street, corner of ——. I have a little room on the third floor, over an old lager beer saloon."

"Who does your cooking?" I asked, as he seemed very willing to talk about his domestic arrangements.

"Why, I do it myself, of course. Do you think I could afford to hire a cook if I couldn't afford to keep warm? No, indeed, sir. I do my own washing, my own cooking, when the bugs will let me. And I live devilish well, too."

This seemed something like an invitation, and so I asked him:

"Well, what had you for breakfast this morning, General?"

"Why, I had a couple of eggs, a couple of potatoes, some crackers, and a cup of assafætas tea. That's pretty hearty living, but I haven't been very well for a day or two, and so I have had to eat eggs. But I'll be all right again to-morrow or next day."

"What do you generally have for breakfast?"

"A mess of potatoes and onions, stale bread, and a cup of assafætas tea. Sometimes I vary it by eating bread and butter, and drinking a couple of cups of coffee, or perhaps I may have corn-bread and potatoes. No," he continued, in answer to my question, "I rarely eat butter, because it is too expensive. I can make a very good meal of bread and butter and coffee, but when I have a mess of potatoes and onions, I could not think of having butter. That would be extravagant, sir, dinner I have about the same as for breakfast. A mess of potatoes and onions is very good, and I am very fond of it, and can eat it very often. Boiled cabbage is very good and nutritious, and does not cost very much, but I rarely eat it. I can have a very good meal for six or eight cents. Sometimes I have a bit of meat, but I don't want a better meal than sausages and bread and assafætas tea. I tell you, sir, people don't know how cheap a man may live in this country. Why, my provisions don't cost me,—and I have plenty and live high, too,—twenty-five cents a day; so, not more than fifteen cents on the average. Yet people go to restaurants and spend a dollar and a half a day as I do cents; but then they haven't got an object in view. But I have, indeed, sir. Lord! I would hate to die now!"

"Why?"

"Why? I tell you sir, wouldn't die now for a million dollars. Why, I am the only living man who knows about these things, and if I should die before my great work is done, why, Grant and Sherman would never be exposed. I'd like to talk to you on this matter some time," said "and I'll like to show you my documents."

The conversation ended, as I had hoped it would do, by an invitation to call at the General's room, and I promised to go at a certain day. The fact is, I was very anxious to see where this man lived, and to know more about his manner of living, and he was anxious to tell me all about his great conspiracy of Grant and Sherman. A subject upon which I was not interested. He also wished to show me a thousand documents, more or less, which I didn't care a rap about.

I admit the conversation above detailed does not carry out the idea which I have conveyed of the man and his vast mental energy and power of illustration; and to render it correct expect a man to go into the classics on a subject having no more inspiration than a mess of potatoes and onions.

I visited on my eccentric friend soon after breakfast a day or two ago. A tenement house need not be described. Indeed, it cannot be. Can a squall be described, or a combination of smells? What more can be said than that there were a dozen or two horrible smells consolidated? No idea of to-day is conveyed. Laughter, children, and, among other odors, those of burnt fish, fried cabbage, roasted onions, sour kraut, decaying meat, and dead rats. I left part of my breakfast at the head of the first stairs in a dark hall through which I passed. Another portion I left on the second floor, and before I could say a word, after entering into the General's room, I thought I should throw up everything, but my disciplined stomach got what I came for. The smell was simply murderous. Even the bed-bugs that peopled by from every crack and crevice should have been driven up to the ceiling had they been taken from the General's person the night before.

The room was not more than six or eight feet square. In it were three old trunks or boxes, a couple of boards, a bit roll containing pallet and blankets, a rough pine table, with manuscripts and papers, all very dirty, a small sheet-iron stove, with only one cover for cooking, one chair, a small pile of wood, a box containing potatoes and onions, a pail of water, two or three cooking utensils, a bottle of sugar, at least I should thirty that they shed a dark cloud over the room. These were hung up, some by the single window, some by the door, and others hung from a wire laid across the corner of the room. The window was as dirty as a blacksmith's face, and the ceiling was covered with cobwebs. The walls were four-fifths covered with dirt. In this room lived the man I have tried to describe. In this he cooked, and ate, and slept and worked. Is it any wonder that a loud smell pervaded it? There was nothing in the room but what I have described. If there were even dishes to eat from, they must have been hidden away in the trunks. I had scarcely entered the room before he closed the door and locked it—for what purpose I have not yet divined. He had been writing during the morning, and was in his shirt sleeves; his big coat and vest were both polished with age. Hung against the door, and his hat was kicking about the floor. I was surprised to see the General with a shirt on, as he had told me, the other day, that he always took his shirt off when he went to his room, in order to keep it clean. Think of that, you who change your shirts twice a day! I inquired the cause, and he said he wore it because it was coming on cold, and his mistress that he wore it because it had got past the clean point.

"How much rent do you pay for this room, General?" I asked.

"I pay $6 a month, which is a d—d sight too much."

"How much do you pay for wood?"

"I burn half cord a month, half oak and half pine, for which I pay $5. Rent and wood are my great burdens. If it were not for them I could live very high on $3 or $6 a month. You have no idea how little food a man really requires. Lot of stale bread costing four cents, with a mess of potatoes and onions, is all a man wants in a day. Oh, yes, I sometimes eat meat, but not often. There isn't nutriment enough in it, and it's too expensive."

"Do you do your own washing?" I asked.

"Well," he answered, "I don't like to very much, but I do. I don't imagine as much. Some of it I do here, and some of it I have done at the laundry. My expense for washing is about half a dollar to a dollar a month."

He several times broke out with some reference to his hobby, wanting to read me testimony, giving documents, pointing out this fact and that one, so that my attempt to obtain information as to the cost of supporting a family was weighed down with difficulties. The General knew how to do this handling, and the process of pumping him required the exercise of great patience. He kept telling me that he "wouldn't die for a million dollars"—a declaration which the same man is ready to make—and at first had little to say about living, except to refer to "a mess of potatoes and onions." The information regarding the cost of his existence is therefore not so full as I should like to present.

After three or four conversations, I succeeded in obtaining the items set forth in the following memorandum, which may exceed by a dollar, or perhaps two, his actual expenses. He regards the bill as furnishing "high living," which he cannot afford during the winter, when he has to buy wood. The following is the provision list for a month of thirty days, and it contains more than is necessary to support the General during that time, so he assured me upon his honor:

Thirty loaves of bread, one day old, at 4c....	$1 20
One peck of potatoes.....	30
One peck of onions.....	10
Two pounds of butter, at 25c.....	70
One pound lard.....	13
One gallon coal oil.....	40
Salt and pepper.....	5
Four soup bones at week, at 20c.....	80
Four pounds sausage, at 12½c.....	50
Eight pounds of sugar, at 10c.....	80
Two pounds coffee, at 30c.....	60
Four bunches assafras root, at 6c.....	24
Grand total.....	$6 22

And thus you have, for one month's provisions for a large, sound, healthy man, an expense of *six dollars and twenty-two cents*, including, also, a gallon of non-explosive coal oil! It is not necessary to point a moral. My old friend's hobby is an expensive one, but an economical one, just as you happen to look at it.

Saloon Tragedy at Hamilton, O.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer, Feb. 26.

The first fatal shooting affray that has occurred in Hamilton since the murder of Tom Myers on the night of the 24th of December, took place yesterday. It seems that Bernhard Liesner, a German citizen of years old, who keeps a saloon on Second street, the second door from the Cincinnati pike, and who has been engaged in selling liquor from his saloon about 11 o'clock and took a walk up toward the Junction Railroad for a little recreation and relief from ill-ease occasioned by the night's debauch. Liesner, absent quarter to 13, he found that his saloon had been broken into, and on looking in he discovered a negro behind the bar rifling the till. Without waiting to ask questions to catch the intruder, but the latter responded by seizing the old man by the shoulders; but Liesner shook him off, and the negro started to run out. Liesner then grabbed up an old German rifled shot-gun, loaded with buckshot, and discharged the contents of the negro's back—as he informed the writer, with the intention of wounding him in the leg and preventing his escape. The load, however, went too high and the negro fell on the porch of the saloon. Before minutes he expired, the blood flowing from his mouth nose and ears.

Liesner made no attempt to escape, but quietly awaited the arrival of Coroner Snyder, who came and took him into custody. The Coroner had been previously notified of the negro's death, and the body was at once taken to the Coroner's room in the Court House.

At one o'clock the Coroner arrived, and on opening the room where the body lay the crowd rushed in like a sea, and completely surrounded the remains. Most of the crowd was made up of stripplings from eight to fifteen years of age, and conducted themselves in the most disgusting manner. They crowded around the dead body. On the person of the negro was found the sum of 70 cents, which he had taken from the till. Liesner also found in the saloon a double-barrelled gun, and one of the room next to the saloon, which the negro probably intended to appropriate also.

The deceased was identified as a negro barber by the name of Ed Miller, who used to follow his occupation in Hamilton years ago. Alf Anderson, the Basin street barber, informed our reporter that Miller worked for him in 1859, and that he had a reputation for petty thieving. He was continually in scrapes, and was finally discharged for stealing and drunkenness, and that recently he had been living in Cincinnati, looking that place his base of operations and attending occasionally to Hamilton on burglarious expeditions, and always getting out of them safely. Rev. Burton Wilson's library was mysteriously broken into last April, and Miller was supposed to have had a hand in it, although nothing was proven against him concerning the burglary.

Jacob Beebout, son-in-law of Liesner, informed our reporter that he played cards with the deceased in Liesner's saloon on Tuesday evening, and that he was an orderly, peaceable man until Tuesday evening, when he saw him was yesterday, when he saw him from his own house enter Liesner's back yard, and shortly afterward he heard the report of the gun, and, running out, found Miller on the ground, close to Liesner's house, breathing his last, with a terrible gunshot wound in his back. It seems that Miller arrived in Hamilton early Tuesday evening, and was shortly afterward seen at Liesner's saloon playing cards.

When our reporter left Hamilton, at a late hour yesterday afternoon, an inquest had not yet been held, as the Coroner was awaiting the arrival of Dr. Huber, from Jones' Station, to hold a *post mortem* examination upon the dead body. Liesner, in the meantime, before Justice Mockler, where a charge of "murder in the second degree" was entered against him. Prosecuting Attorney Horsey appeared for the State, and Judge Crane for the prisoner. The ball for his appearance before the Justice next Saturday at 1 o'clock, for a preliminary examination, was fixed at $5,000, which was furnished, and Liesner released.

General Harrison's Watch.

From the New Albany Ledger, Feb. 26.

About seventy years ago, General William Henry Harrison, while in camp, with the troops on what is called the "Governor's Trace," at a point ten miles north of Jasper, Dubois County, lost his watch. It was one of the old style, double cased affairs, such as most of our readers will remember having seen in the possession of their grandfathers many years ago. The outside case of this watch was found in 1835, and the inner case was found about twelve years ago. The remaining portion, or what remains of it was found in 1868 by Colonel Bush, of Edmonson, Clerk of Dubois County, and was by him forwarded to Indianapolis to be placed in the cabinet of relics in the State House. The portion found by Colonel Edmonston consists of the upper and lower plate, which constitute the frame of the works, and the brass cap. Nothing remains of the works but the barrel, and the latter is much corroded. All the rest has been eaten up by rust. The upper plate bears the inscription, "Leslie and Price, Philadelphia, No. 78."

One train on the Union Pacific imported ten in the car. Seven Kansas and four Nebraska, and yet Kansas was not satisfied. The extra 1 of the personal blockade is not known.

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

Something for the Boys and Girls. Many Points of Rather General Interest for the Boys and Girls—Reminiscences of Husbandry—Appreciation of Mosquitoes—Culture of the Small Fruits—A Tax on the Farmer in Attending Courts.

From Our Agricultural Correspondent.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 2.

This week I have something for the boys and girl readers of "The Farm and Garden." Last winter I sent out hundreds of packages of Excelsior oats, pop-corn, sweet corn, and Yankee pumpkin seeds. That was not done as a premium to subscribers, or in any way connected with the circulation of the paper, or at the expense or suggestion of the publishers, but simply to do the boys and girls a small favor that would be of value to them. I had intended to have grown some other things for their especial benefit at the past season, but, from illhealth in the spring, did not accomplish what I had intended. A few of the things I found of no value, and some others I could not obtain the seeds. Then the season was unfavorable and my stake Avon was a failure, as was also Hubbard squash and sugar pumpkin. I intended to get up a collection of gourds, but found a swindle in all the fancy gourd seed, as they proved to be of the size of hen's and goose eggs, simply fancy squashes. One packet of mammoth or basket gourds proved genuine, and this contained only five seeds; two of which grew and produced half a dozen good-sized gourds, ranging from two to four gallons each. The season was evidently too dry for them, and I have no doubt that they can be produced much larger. The seeds had best be soaked a day or two in warm water and then planted in rich soil; and they will need a small trellis, or three or four stakes to the hill; not smooth bean poles, but, with the branches trimmed long, say six or eight inches, for the vines to cling to. I have two or three quarts of this seed, and I propose to distribute to each boy or girl that applies about ten seeds each, that is double the number sent me for 50 cents, but the only charge will be to send me a prepaid directed envelope. As a matter of course, this quantity of seed will not last long, and the more will be, first come first served. In case any boy or girl should wish a packet of the oats, or the pop-corn, or the large late sweet corn, or a sample of our common early field corn, they can have them by forwarding an additional stamped envelope. It would be well that, in case the ground seeds should be needed, a stamped envelope for their return be sent in its place, in order not to lose the stamped envelope. The pop-corn and sweet corn are both extra samples, better than can be often obtained. We grow considerable popcorn for family use, and sow of sweet corn, and we also use it for feeding the milch cows; having cut up two acres of it last year for this purpose, during the long drouth. A pan of snowy parched corn in a winter evening, with a plate of apples and pitcher of cider, combine some sweet elements of home and girl comforts. Then I have a few packets of seeds of the new honey plant, that is described in the Apiary; but these will only be sent to those young ladies and boys who are large enough to sow. I intend to sow enough of this seed to be able to give it a wider distribution next year. I do not claim that any of these things are perfectly free from fault, but are genuine, and cost so little that hundreds of boys and girls will be induced to plant them, who would not have sent to the seed-store for them. The good seeds are the only ones, however, and parties are advertising them at 25 cents a packet. The pop-corn and select corn are often mixed, and great care must be had to keep them pure.

The seed-stores are doing a rushing trade, and are taking great care to have the best; and it is seldom that they send out the new humbugs, for these are found in the hands of men who have not in the meantime learned. The fact is, these regular seedsmen must have a business reputation, and cannot afford to risk it on some doubtful subject. There are very few garden seeds that the farmer can afford to grow for fun over his, as the seedsmen will generally supply him with the kinds that he